GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN SILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the production of various varieties of silk in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the package likely to be provided as assistance for this purpose;

(c) whether the State Governments have submitted any proposal to the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It is proposed to increase the production of all the four varieties of Raw Silk−Mulberry,Tasar,Eri and Muga from the level of total 18,475 MTs (at the end of 2006-07) to 26,000 MTs by the end of XI Plan Period.The Government of India through Central Silk Board is implementing a centrally sponsored Scheme viz. Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) during XI Plan in collaboration with the State Governments.The package under CDP covers three major areas-Seed sector,Cocoon sector and Post-cocoon sector and will be supplemented by other components of support services which are common to all packages. The Government of India has approved an outlay of Rs.1476.24 crores during the XI Plan, of which the Union Government's share is Rs.661.62 crores.

(c) & (d): Yes sir.The Central Silk Board has received proposals from different State Governments for release of funds under Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) and based on the proposals received from the State Governments,during the first year of the XI Plan period (2007-08),Government of India through Central Silk Board has released its share of Rs. 80.82 crores towards implementation of various schemes/components under CDP and for the current year 2008-09,a sum of Rs.30.76 crores has been released to different State Governments.